

Minutes

TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Harry Captain, Chairperson

DATE: September 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee

IN ATTENDANCE: Harry Captain, Scott Slifka, Chris Barnes, Ron Van Winkle, Tracey Gove, Gary Allyn, Mark McGovern, Bob McCue, Dan Coppinger

AGENDA

The Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at 8:00 a.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

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1. Fire update

The Fire Department is currently 16 employees short of a full compliment. The recruitment process is proceeding and eight new fire fighters should be hired by the end of October. EPA was in town last week on an emergency removal of ammonia from an ice cream manufacturer on Park Road. All went well. The Town has been awarded a \$220,000 grant for the purchase of equipment for the potential implementation of a town operated paramedic service. The Fire Chief presented a discussion of recommended deployment models of this service. The Council Committee will review the plan before any implementation.

2. Police update

Chief Gove discussed the type of equipment that the town has receive from the federal government. He also reviewed recent police department activity including burglaries and burglary arrests, distracted driving enforcement, DUI enforcement and traffic enforcement. In 2013 the department conducted 972 special speed enforcement details. Data on injury accidents shows that those are down from ten years ago.

3. Traffic and pedestrian safety

The Committee discussed the town's efforts to reduce speeding and traffic accidents through enforcement, engineered street improvements and public awareness campaigns. A traffic safety, "back to School" press release was picked up by several media outlets.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors